

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between one of the following inventions in claims of Group I, Claims 1-29 and Group II, unspecified claims. Applicants will assume, for purposes of their election, that the Examiner's identification of claims as they relate to the species is erroneous, and will further assume that the species should be Group I, claims 20-38, and Group II, Claim 39. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, Claims 20-38 for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicants believe the restriction requirement to be inappropriate. As such, the fields of search for the Examiner should be identical. Since the Examiner is required to search all inventions in one application wherever possible and expedient, Applicants believe that both groups of claims should be prosecuted in the subject application and requests that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and withdraw the same. Applicants note that Claim 39 contains all the limitations of Claim 20, the product claim, and thus retains their right for rejoinder of Claim 39 upon allowance of Claim 20, or its equivalent.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he/she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number.

Application No. 10/585,839
Amdt. dated 13 September 2010
Reply to Office Action of 18 August 2010

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald T. Shekleton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerald" being more prominent and the last name "Shekleton" following in a similar style.

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